
TESTIMONIALS


IN FAVOUR OF

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1.—*From* ALEXANDER KILGOUR, M.D., *Physician, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine in the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN INFIRMARY, 28th October, 1856.

I hereby certify that Dr. JAMES SMITH acted as Resident Assistant Physician in this Hospital from 1st April to 1st October, 1855, that he was most kind and attentive to the patients, and that in the professional skill he displayed, and in the mode he discharged all his duties, he gave the highest satisfaction.

ALEX. KILGOUR, M.D.

2.—*From* PETER REDFERN, M.D., *Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Queen's College, Belfast, formerly Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, &c.*

I have very great pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. JAS. W. F. SMITH's qualifications for the exercise of his profession. I speak after an intimate knowledge of him for the past six years, with the full assurance that whatever I can say in his favour will be fully borne out by the experience of others during his after life.

Dr. SMITH has availed himself of every opportunity of becoming familiar with the various departments of Medicine.

He was a hard and successful student ; he is a good anatomist, and he is familiar with the use of the microscope in the examination and treatment of disease. For twelve months he had the opportunity, which residence in the Royal Infirmary here afforded him, of studying every case which was treated during that time, and since then he has pursued his studies on the Continent for eight months. Such a lengthened period of study, so judiciously applied, falls to the lot of but few young medical men.

I am satisfied that Dr. SMITH is qualified in the best manner possible for entering on the practical studies of his profession, and that he will prove himself a successful practitioner.

I recommend him for appointment to the charge of any Public Hospital, Dispensary, or the Poor of any district, not merely on the grounds of his high professional qualifications, but because of the excellence of his general character, and because I am certain that he will commend himself to all who know him by his amiability of disposition and gentlemanly conduct in every relation of life.

P. REDFERN, M.D., Lond., F.R.C.S., Lond.,
Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, and
on Histology in King's College.

ABERDEEN, 24th December, 1857.

3.—*From* DAVID KERR, M.D., M.R.C.S.L., *Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, &c.*

Having known Dr. JAMES W. SMITH for a considerable number of years—first as a student in the Surgical Class in King's College, and afterwards as resident Pupil in the Royal Infirmary, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the respectability of his character and professional acquirements. During the time he was Resident Surgeon in the Infirmary his conduct and attention to the patients gave me entire satisfaction.

I consider him well qualified to discharge the duties of any Parochial Board.

DAVID KERR, M.D., &c. &c.

ABERDEEN, 30th December, 1857.

4.—*From WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, &c.*

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal and ability with which Dr. JAMES SMITH discharged the duties of Physician's Assistant in the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen during 1855, and I have reason to know that he gave equal satisfaction to my colleagues in the Surgical department.

I have no hesitation in recommending him to the Parochial Board, as in all respects a well-qualified and trustworthy practitioner.

WM. WILLIAMSON, M.D.

ABERDEEN, 24th December, 1857.

5.—*From the Late GEORGE RAINY, M.D. M.R.C.S.L., &c.*

Dr. JAMES W. SMITH has been known to me for several years as a young man of talent, and gentlemanly deportment; and, so far as I am able to judge, in every respect eminently qualified for discharging efficiently the most arduous duties of his profession.

GEO. RAINY, M.D.

ABERDEEN, 23d Dec., 1857.

6.—*From JAMES SYME, Esq., F.R.C.S. Edin., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.*

11th Nov., 1863.

From my acquaintance with Dr. SMITH's qualifications for the Practice of his profession, and his general character, I beg to recommend him as in every respect deserving of confidence.

JAMES SYME.

EDINBURGH,
11th Novr., 1863.

7.—*From* ALEXANDER WOOD, M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin., *and Vice-President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.*

Having met Dr. JAMES W. F. SMITH of Broughty Ferry, in consultation, I have been led to form a very favourable opinion of his acquirements and general intelligence, and regard him as a sound and attentive practitioner..

ALEX. WOOD, M.D.

EDINBURGH,
11th Novr., 1863.

8.—*From* ARTHUR MITCHELL, A.M., M.D., *Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland, &c.*

EDINBURGH, 10th Nov., 1863.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in publicly expressing the high opinion I entertain of your fitness to fill the office of Physician to the Aberdeen Infirmary.

I feel quite certain that the Directors will not find among the candidates any one better qualified professionally to discharge its duties. Your kindly disposition will there, as elsewhere, make your services acceptable to those placed under your care; while your gentlemanly character, your abilities and zeal, and the fact of your being in a general, as well as in a professional sense, highly educated, ensure your usefulness in an Institution which has teaching as well as charitable functions.

Wishing you success, I am,

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR MITCHELL, M.D.

Dr. J. W. F. SMITH,
Broughty Ferry.

9.—*From* MATTHEW NIMMO, Esq., L.R.C.S. Edin., *Consulting Surgeon, Dundee Royal Infirmary, &c.*

DUNDEE, 9th Nov., 1863.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the superior

talents and excellent personal qualities of Dr. SMITH, with whom I have been acquainted for the last five or six years.

I have had many opportunities of meeting him at the bedside of the sick, in consultation, and of forming an opinion of his talents as a Medical Practitioner. He is well informed in all the branches of science connected with Medicine and Surgery, and has acquired much practical knowledge in his profession while in practice for the last six years in this neighbourhood. I may add that Dr. SMITH's gentlemanly feelings and conduct, his gentle and agreeable manners, and his superior knowledge of his profession, must insure the fullest confidence from those who may employ him either in private practice or in a public institution.

MATTHEW NIMMO.

10.—*From* WILLIAM L. GIBSON, M.D., L.R.C.S. Edin., *Consulting Physician, Dundee Royal Infirmary, &c.*

Having been personally acquainted with Dr. SMITH for several years, during his residence at Broughty Ferry, in practice, and having had many opportunities of meeting him professionally I have been led to form a high opinion, both of his acquirements as a medical man and of his character as a gentleman. From his excellent natural abilities, the amount of his experience, and his sound practical judgment, I consider him very thoroughly qualified for the appointment of Physician to a Hospital as he has already shewn himself to be for the duties of a private practitioner; and in common with the rest of his professional brethren here, and the many families of the highest respectability, among whom his practice lay at Broughty Ferry, I exceedingly regret the prospect of his leaving this neighbourhood.

WM. L. GIBSON, M.D.

DUNDEE, 7th Nov., 1863.

11.—*From* JAMES CHRISTIE, M.D., M.R.C.S.L., *Consulting Physician, Dundee Royal Infirmary, &c.*

DUNDEE, 9th November, 1863.

I have much pleasure in certifying that since Dr. SMITH's settling in practice in Broughty Ferry, I have had numerous opportunities of meeting him in practice, and have been led to form a high estimate of his professional acquirements and gentlemanly bearing, and I can with confidence say that I believe he will honourably and efficiently discharge the duties of a Hospital or Dispensary Physician.

Dr. SMITH has been in respectable practice in Broughty Ferry, and has been much esteemed as a Practitioner and gentleman.

JAMES CHRISTIE, M.D.

12.—*From* DAVID GREIG, M.D., F.R.C.S. Edinburgh, *Physician to the Baldovan Asylum for Imbecile Children, formerly Surgeon Dundee Royal Infirmary, &c.*

It affords me great pleasure to be enabled to state my opinion of Dr. J. W. F. SMITH, and his qualifications as a Medical Practitioner. I have had the pleasure of his acquaintance for upwards of five years, and, during that time, both from what I have seen of him, and also from what I have heard, I have formed the very highest opinion of him as a gentleman, and of his abilities as a Medical Practitioner. His thorough knowledge of his profession, his kindly manner, and gentlemanly bearing; are sure to gain him the confidence of his patients, and the respect of his medical brethren. I consider him well qualified for any Hospital appointment, and wish him all success in his new sphere of labour.

DAVID GREIG, M.D.

DUNDEE, 7th Nov., 1863.

13.—*From* WILLIAM CROCKATT, M.D., F.R.S.C. Edinburgh, *Surgeon to the Dundee Royal Infirmary, &c.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the profes-

sional character of Dr. J. W. F. SMITH, who is at present a candidate for the vacant office of Attending Physician to the Aberdeen Infirmary. I have been intimately acquainted with Dr. SMITH for several years, and can testify to the zeal, assiduity, and success, with which he has practised in Broughty Ferry during the last six years, having secured the entire confidence and respect of his patients. He has received a liberal education, and enjoyed the best opportunities of acquiring a thorough knowledge of his profession both on the Continent and in this country. I consider him well qualified to fill any Hospital or Dispensary appointment, and that he will do honour to himself, and credit to those who have the responsibility of choosing one to fill so important a situation. His excellent private character, gentlemanly demeanour, and kindness of disposition, cannot fail to render him acceptable to the Patients and the Medical Officers connected with the Institution.

WM. CROCKATT, M.D.

DUNDEE, 9th Nov., 1863.

14.—*From* JOHN TRAILL, Esq., F.R.C.S. Edin., *Surgeon to the Arbroath Royal Infirmary, &c.*

ARBROATH, 12th Nov., 1863.

Having had various opportunities of meeting with Dr. J. W. F. SMITH, of Broughty Ferry, within the last two years, I have much pleasure in being able to state that I consider him well qualified for any Hospital or Dispensary appointment.

JOHN TRAILL.

15.—*From* DAVID LYELL, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., &c., *Dundee.*

Nov. 13, 1863.

I have known Dr. J. W. F. SMITH for the last six years, and have been in the habit of meeting him both professionally

and otherwise, and have formed a very high opinion of him both as a gentleman and Medical Practitioner.

He has had a very respectable practice in Broughty Ferry, and from the practical experience he has acquired there and elsewhere, I should consider him eminently qualified for the duties of any Hospital or Dispensary appointment.

D. LYELL, M.D., &c.

16.—*From* C. BLAKELY BROWN, M.B., Oxon., F.R.C.P. Lond., &c.,
Senior Physician to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, London.

LONDON, Nov. 13, 1863.

Dr. JAS. W. F. SMITH was House Surgeon at Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital during part of the year 1857. From the attention he paid to the cases, and from the assiduity with which he took notes of them, and his general conduct, I consider him to be well qualified to fulfil the duties of Medical Officer to any Hospital or Dispensary.

C. BLAKELY BROWN, M.B.,
 Senior Physician to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital.